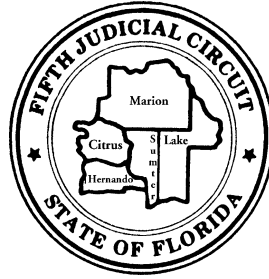


# SHOW UP, TRY HARD AND BE HONEST



## Hernando County Drug Court

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### The defendant must:

1. Be fully advised about the program
2. Be amenable to participate
3. Agree to enter and successfully complete Drug Court
4. Be eligible pending charge(s) to include VOP and VOCC statutes
5. Not have a disqualifying conviction or adjudications withheld such violent offenses or sales.
6. Believe that they have a substance use disorder and want treatment and assistance to remain substance free and develop a life of sobriety
7. Agree to maintain residence in Hernando County until successfully completing the program.
8. Must understand that the Hernando Adult Drug Felony Drug Court is a supervised highly structured program consisting of both treatment and case management supervision for non-violent offenders. The program includes, but is not limited to, frequent court appearances, random drug screens, treatment, frequent community/peer support meeting attendance while on supervised probation.

**Don't let drugs or substance use disorder rule your life. Take control. Help is available for those who have a desire to improve their lifestyle. Only YOU hold the key to your future! This is an opportunity provided through the joint efforts of the Hernando County Circuit Court and Court Administration for persons who have a substance use problem to receive help and support in turning their lives around. For someone who seriously wants to conquer their addiction and who needs help doing so, this program may be the answer.**



This program will NOT tolerate drug dealers or profiteers.

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The Hernando County Drug Court does not discriminate against qualified applicants and on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, marital status, handicap (disability) or veteran status or as otherwise prohibited by federal, state or local law.

## Introduction

Have you lost control in your life due to a substance use disorder? Would you like to regain that control? The key to working toward the resolution of your problems, and the improvement of your future, is within your reach. If you may have a substance use disorder: and if you are tired of being on the wrong side of the law, consider the Hernando County Drug Court.

Prior to the implementation of the Hernando County Drug Court, there was no affordable, effective treatment for someone with a substance use disorder in Hernando County. Even if you are motivated for treatment and have limited means to pay, there are lengthy waiting lists for inpatient or residential bed and outpatient treatment.

Successful, affordable treatment for participants is even more rare. Additionally, denial that a problem exists and lack of motivation to change are characteristic of those with a substance use disorder.

The problems are exacerbated with participants are reluctant to admit there is a problem due to fear that admissions can be construed as guilt. Commonly, they have experienced failure or relapse, and this has led to a lack of belief that they can change.

We understand that even those who are motivated to participate in treatment may relapse and thus want to drop out, therefore, the program focuses heavily on treatment to provide the tools to reduce that probability and it strongly focuses on building trust and accountability which are two of the most vital tools in recovery.

## Phase I

### Minimum of 8 weeks

**Level One Treatment is intensive: lasting a minimum of eight weeks. During the phase, each participant attends an intake and orientation session. Psychosocial assessment and initial treatment plans will be developed. Participants are required to attend counseling and community/peer support meetings (AA/NA/Smart Recovery etc.) three times per week. Drug testing is provided on a random and frequent basis; and the participant is required to attend a Court Status Hearing bi-weekly.**

## Phase II

### Minimum of 22 weeks

After successfully completing phase I, the treatment plan for each participant is reviewed and specific goals are developed for each individual, who will continue to participate in counseling as recommended. Random and frequent drug testing continues, and participants must meet attendance goals prior to progressing to the next level. Vocational and educational assessments occur to identify individual needs and refer clients to specialized resources. Bi-weekly and/or monthly attendance at Court Status Hearings is required, as well as attendance and participation at community/peer support meetings such as Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Smart Recovery etc. at least three times each week.

## Phase III

### Minimum of 22 weeks

Regular participation is required during this phase in group or individual counseling, depending on the individual's needs, as demonstrated by the treatment plan. It is during this phase that emphasis will be placed on case management and continued participation in Community/Peer Support meetings such as NA/AA/ Smart Recovery etc. Focus is given to the participant returning to the work force or other vocational needs, as well as for those who are dependent on family for housing, to encourage them to seek independent living. Phase III treatment continues until the participant has met specific goals consistent with the treatment plan and has demonstrated a drug-free lifestyle. Group counseling shall be required a minimum of once per week, with regular random urine drug screenings. All services and frequency of contact depends on the overall progress of the participant.

## Aftercare

### Minimum of 12 weeks

The aftercare program is a separate phase that will be tailored to the specific needs of the participant, when it is required.

